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North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Veterinary Division

R. Douglas Meckes, DVM State Veterinarian

August 22, 2017

Laurie Windler Camp Bow Wow Franchising, Inc 8820 West 116th Circle Broomfield, CO 80021

Notice of Warning and Cease and Desist Letter

Re: Violation of N.C. General Statute §19A-28 and Title 02 N.C. Administrative Code (NCAC), Chapter 52J, Section .0204(e).

AWS-WL-2017-19

Facility: Camp Bow Wow Concord License No. 11228

Dear Ms. Windler:

The records of the Animal Welfare Section ("AWS") of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("NCDA&CS") indicate that the license for Camp Bow Wow Concord (License No. 11228) located at 8010 Myint Lane NW, Concord NC, expired on June 30, 2017. Additionally, AWS records indicate that, since June 30, 2017, you have continued to operate Camp Bow Wow Concord as a boarding kennel without a valid license.

The AWS office has contacted this facility both by mail and by telephone concerning this matter.

Despite these contacts, AWS has not received a boarding kennel renewal application for this facility. As the kennel has failed to submit a renewal application, this facility has been, and is currently operating as a boarding kennel without a license, which is a violation of N.C. General Statute §19A-28. Therefore, you are directed to cease operations of this boarding kennel immediately.

During a facility inspection on August 21, 2017, the kennel was observed to be operating as a boarding kennel without a license.

Additionally, at the time of the facility inspection, the staff of the facility attempted to have the AWS Inspector wait in the lobby area while they reduced the number of dogs in the common areas. On April 1, 2016, you sent an email stating that the AWS Inspector would "be welcomed into the back of the camp immediately upon arrival." Despite your assurances, this facility again attempted to hold the inspector at the front while reducing the number of dogs in the common areas.

By the time the Inspector was able to walk into the play areas, despite the attempts of the staff, the supervision ratios were still out of compliance with 02 NCAC 52J .0204(e). The kennel staff had managed to reduce the number of dogs in one common area to meet the 10:1 supervision ratio. The remaining 3 common areas were out of compliance having supervision ratios of 18:1, 15:1 and 16:1.

During the facility inspection on August 21, 2017, the facility manager acknowledged that she knew that the common areas were not compliant blaming it on staffing levels.

Based on the results of the facility inspection on August 21, 2017, the kennel is in violation of N.C. General Statute §19A-28 violation and Title 02 N.C. Administrative Code, Chapter 52J, Section .0204(e).

This Warning Letter serves as written notice indicating in which respects the kennel has violated the NC Animal Welfare Act and the rules issued pursuant thereto. The kennel has 5 business days to complete the renewal application and return it to this office at the address listed below. In the meantime, the kennel is to cease boarding operations until the boarding kennel license has been renewed.

Continued or future violation of these statutes or regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty of up to \$5,000.00 per violation pursuant to N.C. General Statute §19A-40 and will be considered a willful disregard or violation of the N.C. Animal Welfare Act and the rules issued pursuant thereto. Such willful disregard or violation may result in refusal to issue or renew your facility's license or suspension or revocation of an existing license pursuant to N.C. General Statute §19A-30.

Additionally, N.C. General Statue §19A-33 makes operating an unlicensed boarding kennel a Class 3 misdemeanor subject to a fine of up to \$25.00 for each day of operation.

Your immediate response to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Patricia Norris, DVM, MS Director of Animal Welfare Section Veterinary Division

Dr. R. Douglas Meckes, State Veterinarian
Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner, NCDA&CS
Tina Hlabse, General Counsel, NCDA&CS
Christopher R. McLennan, Assistant Attorney General

Appendix

REFERENCED STATUES AND REGULATIONS

§ 19A-28. License required for public auction or boarding kennel.

No person shall operate a public auction or a boarding kennel unless a license to operate such establishment shall have been granted by the Director. Application for such license shall be made in the manner provided by the Director. The license period shall be the fiscal year and the license fee shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each license period or part thereof beginning with the first day of the fiscal year. (1977, 2nd Sess., c. 1217, s. 9; 1987, c. 827, s. 65; 1989, c. 544, s. 18; 2011-145, s. 31.5(b).)

§ 19A-30. Refusal, suspension or revocation of certificate or license.

The Director may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend or revoke a certificate of registration for any animal shelter or a license for any public auction, kennel, pet shop, or dealer, if after an impartial investigation as provided in this Article he determines that any one or more of the following grounds apply:

- (1) Material misstatement in the application for the original certificate of registration or license or in the application for any renewal under this Article;
- (2) Willful disregard or violation of this Article or any rules issued pursuant thereto;
- (3) Failure to provide adequate housing facilities and/or primary enclosures for the purposes of this Article, or if the feeding, watering, sanitizing and housing practices at the animal shelter, public auction, pet shop, or kennel are not consistent with the intent of this Article or the rules adopted under this Article;
- (4) Allowing one's license under this Article to be used by an unlicensed person;
- (5) Conviction of any crime an essential element of which is misstatement, fraud, or dishonesty, or conviction of any felony;
- (6) Making substantial misrepresentations or false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce in connection with the business of a public auction, commercial kennel, pet shop, or dealer;
- (7) Pursuing a continued course of misrepresentation of or making false promises through advertising, salesmen, agents, or otherwise in connection with the business to be licensed;
- (8) Failure to possess the necessary qualifications or to meet the requirements of this Article for the issuance or holding of a certificate of registration or license.

The Director shall, before refusing to issue or renew and before suspension or revocation of a certificate of registration or a license, give to the applicant or holder thereof a written notice containing a statement indicating in what respects the applicant or holder has failed to satisfy the requirements for the holding of a certificate of registration or a license. If a certificate of registration or a license is suspended or revoked under the provisions hereof, the holder shall have five days from such suspension or revocation to surrender all certificates of registration or licenses issued thereunder to the Director or his authorized representative.

A person to whom a certificate of registration or a license is denied, suspended, or revoked by the Director may contest the action by filing a petition under G.S. 150B-23 within five days after the denial, suspension, or revocation.

Any licensee whose license is revoked under the provisions of this Article shall not be eligible to apply for a new license hereunder until one year has elapsed from the date of the order revoking said license or if an appeal is taken from said order of revocation, one year from the date of the order or final judgment sustaining said revocation. Any person who has been an officer, agent, or employee of a licensee whose license has been revoked or suspended and who is responsible for or participated in the violation upon which the order of suspension or revocation was based, shall not be licensed within the period during which the order of suspension or revocation is in effect. (1977, 2nd Sess., c. 1217, s. 11; 1987, c. 827, s. 67.)

§ 19A-33. Penalty for operation of pet shop, kennel or auction without license.

Operation of a pet shop, kennel, or public auction without a currently valid license shall constitute a Class 3 misdemeanor subject only to a penalty of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), and each day of operation shall constitute a separate offense. (1977, 2nd Sess., c. 1217, s. 14; 1993, c. 539, s. 315; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)

§ 19A-40. Civil Penalties.

The Director may assess a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) against any person who violates a provision of this Article or any rule promulgated thereunder. In determining the amount of the penalty, the Director shall consider the degree and extent of harm caused by the violation. The clear proceeds of civil penalties assessed pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2. (1995, c. 516, s. 6; 1998-215, s. 3.)

02 NCAC 52J .0204 PRIMARY ENCLOSURES

(e) If more than four dogs are housed in a common area or enclosure, then there must be at least one person supervising each 10 dogs housed within each enclosure or common area.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24;

Eff. April 1, 1984;

Amended Eff. January 1, 2005; April 1, 1985.

Animal Welfare Section Inspection Results Date of inspection **NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** Disapproved Aug 21, 2017 1030 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1030 Type of inspection Annual inspection Type of runs Indoor runs only phone: (919) 715-7111 FAX: (919) 733-6431 e-mail: aws.agr@ncagr.gov URL: www.ncaws.com license type 41 - Boarding kennel License # 35.24074 80.42905 # dogs present 84 # cats present |0 Latitude Longitude Number of prim. enclosures 111 Camp Bow Wow Concord Camp Bow Wow Franchising Inc. Name of business Name of owner 8010 Myint Lane NW Suite 110 Concord NC 28027 Cabarrus Street address City ZIP code County +1 (704) 260-0055 Phone Number **Facilities** Inspection Category Result Inspection Category Result Inspection Category Result 0201 Housing in sound repair Acceptable Acceptable 0201 Daily waste removal 0201 Perimeter Fence Acceptable Acceptable 0201 Meets electrical code 0201 Hot and cold water present Acceptable 0201 Adequate drainage Acceptable 0201 Safe electrical power Acceptable 0201 Washroom basin and sink Accept. 0201 Access to AWS employees Acceptable Acceptable Food and bedding protected 0201 0201 Thermometer present Acceptable 0201 Compliance with welfare Acceptable Not applicable 0201 Animals in windows Records, shelter **Inspection Category** Result Inspection Category Result **Inspection Category** Result Not Applicable Origin of animals 0101 Not Applicable Location off-site 0101 Not Applicable Disposition of animals 0101 Not Applicable 0101 Descript, of animals, shelter Not Applicable Veterinary treatment, shelter 0101 Records, kennel Inspection Category Result Inspection Category Result Inspection Category Result 0102 Owner information & signature 0102 Description of animals, kennel | Acceptable Acceptable 0102 Veterinary treatment, kennel Records, inspection Inspection Category Result **Inspection Category** Result Inspection Category Result Acceptable 0103 Records made available Acceptable 0103 Records match animals Acceptable 0103 Records kept 1+ year Signature of Kristi McGovern Management

Animal Welfare Section, NCDA&CS **Inspection Results** Date of inspection Inspection Report, continued Disapproved Aug 21, 2017 NC Camp Bow Wow Concord Camp Bow Wow Franchising Inc Concord **Indoor facilities** Inspection Category Result **Inspection Category** Result Inspection Category Result Acceptable 0202 Ambient temperature, indoor Acceptable 0202 Ventilation, indoor Acceptable 0202 Lighting, indoor Acceptable 0202 Imperv./Sanitary surf., indoor Acceptable 0202 Drainage, indoor **Outdoor facilities** Inspection Category Result Inspection Category Inspection Category Result Acceptable 0203 Impervious surfaces, outdoor 0203 Housing, 1 per animal Not Applicable Acceptable 0203 Protection from elements Acceptable 0203 Owner advised, outdoor Acceptable 0203 Drainage, outdoor Primary enclosures Inspection Category Result Inspection Category Result Inspection Category Result Acceptable 0204 Drainage prev. cross contam. Acceptable Not Acceptable 0204 Fence height >= 5 feet 0204 1:10 ratio, person: human Acceptable 0204 Surf. impervious to moisture 0204 Enclosure is escape proof Acceptable Not Applicable 0204 Cats, >= 4 sq. ft. / adult Acceptable 0204 Prevent contact with wood Acceptable 0204 Cats, <= 12 / enclosure Not Applicable 0204 Solid resting surface Acceptable 0204 Enclosures in sound repair Not Applicable 0204 Cats, raised resting surface Not Applicable 0204 Cats, 1 litter pan / 3 adults Acceptable 0204 Size of enclosure Acceptable 0204 Dogs, supervision if > 4 Feeding **Inspection Category** Result Inspection Category Result Inspection Category Result Acceptable 0205 Feeding, 1x / day, adult Acceptable 0205 Feeding, 1 bowl / adult Acceptable 0205 Feeding, commercial food Acceptable 0205 Feeding, bowl in good repair Acceptable Acceptable 0205 Feeding, quality food 0205 Feeding, bowl is protected Acceptable 0205 Feeding, 2x / day, young Watering Inspection Category Result **Inspection Category** Result Acceptable 0206 Watering, continuous access Acceptable 0206 Watering, bowl in good repair Sanitation/Employees/Classification & Separation Inspection Category Result **Inspection Category** Result Inspection Category Result Acceptable 0207 Waste removal 2x / day Acceptable Acceptable 0207 Grounds overgrown 0207 Young given social interact. Acceptable Acceptable 0207 Animals removed while clean 0207 Pest Control Acceptable 0207 Species separated Signature of Kristi McGovern Management

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| Camp Bow Wow Concord | | Camp Bow Wow Franchising Inc | | Concord | | NC |
| Sanitation/Employees/Classification & Separation (continued) | | | | | | |
| 0207 Enclosure sanitized 2x / day | Acceptable | 0207 Number of employees | Acceptable | 0207 Isolation area & signage Acceptable | | |
| 0207 Method of sanitation | Acceptable | 0207 Females in estrus, separated | Acceptable | 0207 Long term care program Acceptable | | Acceptable |
| 0207 Build./grnds., clean & repair | Acceptable | 0207 Owner perm, commingling | Acceptable | 0207 Animals confined Acceptable | | Acceptable |
| - | | 0207 Young with dam | Acceptable | | | |
| Veterinary Care | | | | | | |
| Inspection Category | Result | Inspection Category | Result | Inspection Category | | Result |
| 0210 Program of veterinary care | Acceptable | 0210 Daily observation of animals | Acceptable | 0210 Rables vaccination Acceptable | | Acceptable |
| 0210 Veterinary care when needed | Acceptable | | | | | |
| Vehicles | | | | | | |
| 0301 Vehicles mechanically sound | Not Applicable | 0301 Fresh air and ventilation | Not Applicable | 0301 Cargo area clean Not Applicable | | |
| Primary Enclosure Used in Transportation | | | | | | |
| Inspection Category | Result | Inspection Category | Result | Inspection | Category | Result |
| 0302 Construction of enclosure | Not Applicable | 0302 Age and species separated | Not Applicable | 0302 Size of transp | ort enclosure | Not Applicable |
| 0302 Enclosure clean & sanitized | Not Applicable | | ** | | _ | |
| Transportation: Food and Water Transportation: Care | | | | | | |
| Inspection Category | Result | | | Inspection | | Result |
| 0303 Food & water during transport | Not Applicable | | | | f animals | Not Applicable |
| Narrative Explanation, if needed | | | | | | |
| I performed an annual inspection today and found an inadequacy that need to be addressed immediately. The ratio's at time of inspection are as follows: 18:1, 15:1, 16:1 & 10:1 | | | | | | |
| When I arrived and asked for the manager the staff member went to the back area, I waited approximately 3 minutes then went towards the play area's where I observed employees | | | | | | |
| trying remove dogs from the play area's at a frantic pace. When my inspection was complete I asked the manager why staff was running to remove dogs from play area's she said she | | | | | | |
| didn't know. When I advised her of the ratio numbers she stated "I know my numbers are high one of my employees called out today". I told her the ratio numbers must be | | | | | | |
| maintained at all times she stated " what do you want me to do turn dogs away". I told her the 10:1 ratio must followed at all times and I would return at a later date for a re- | | | | | | |
| inspection of this facility. This facility was not in compliance with the 10:1 ratio when I departed. I examined the records for the animals at this facility; they were complete & adequate. | | | | | | |
| check here if additional pages of narrative are attached check here if a euthanasia inspection form is attached | | | | | | |
| Signature of inspector Jay Blatche Standard Grant Grant Standard Grant G | | | | | | |